



Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Perma-Pipe
File No.: B-258803.2
Date: November 25, 1994

DECISION

Perma-Pipe protests the piping system specifications of invitation for bids (IFB) No. 225-4043, issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice for pipe system installation at the Federal Correctional Institute located in El Reno, Oklahoma.

We dismiss the protest.

Under the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984 (CICA), 31 U.S.C. §§ 3551-3556 (1988), only an "interested party" may protest a federal procurement. That is, a protester must be an actual or prospective bidder or offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a contract or the failure to award a contract. 41 C.F.R. § 21.0(a) (1994).

Here, the record shows that Perma-Pipe does not intend to bid as a prime contractor for this requirement and that its interest in this procurement is as a potential supplier or subcontractor to its parent corporation--Midwesco, Inc., which is a general construction contractor. Accordingly, Perma-Pipe's protest is dismissed. Perma-Pipe Div. of Midwesco, Inc., B-230702, Apr. 14, 1988, 88-1 CPD ¶ 368.

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